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Re: Use of Force Reports 2018

Chief,

I have completed a review of the Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Reports that were filed in 2018. Below is a list of data and information that was gathered from these reports. I have reviewed the details of each incident to document the present trends. After reviewing the incidents involving use of force, my conclusion is that there are no patterns that are evident or misuses of force that would require re-training.

Our present use of force reporting and command structure requires the following: Officers must complete a Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Form in addition to their incident/arrest report. The incident narratives and Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are reviewed by a shift supervisor. The Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are then forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for review and approval. This approval is documented as a Response to Non-Compliance Guardian Entry. Supervisors are required to immediately report any non-policy compliant use of force incidents to the Administrative Captain. Follow-up investigations are conducted and documented when warranted.

The Response to Non-Compliance Guardian entries are tracked as part of the department's Early Warning System. In 2018, there were no Early Warning System flags generated.

There were a total of twenty-seven (27) Response/Non-Compliance Guardian Entries and sixteen (16) Response/Non-Compliance Forms completed. The reason for the disparity in numbers is due to events where multiple officers were involved and each officer receiving a separate Guardian Entry. Examples of this include:

February 22, 2018 three (3) officers/March 09, 2018 three (3) officers/April 02, 2018 two (2) officers/April 04, 2018 four (4) officers/August 05, 2018 two (2)

officers/August 15, 2018 three (3) officers and November 19, 2018 two (2) officers.

The following will show what type of force was employed, the amount of times employed and any notes on the incident:

OC Spray was deployed in four different incidents with the spray having its desired effect. All four incidents were reviewed and found to be within policy standards.

The Taser was brandished on two occasions, but on both occasions was never deployed.

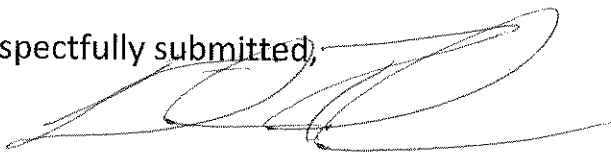
Officers brandished their department issued firearms on five different occasions. On all occasions, there were officer safety issues. Some examples of this were domestic disturbance calls and armed suicidal subjects. All incidents were reviewed and found to be in compliance with department policy.

The restraint chair was used on one occasion in which the defendant was attempting to destroy department property and injure himself while in department custody. The defendant was also acting violently towards officers to include yelling, screaming, kicking and spitting. The use of the restraint chair was reviewed and found to be in compliance with department policy.

There were nine incidents where officers had to use physical force to effect a lawful arrest. All incidents were reviewed and found to be in compliance with department policy.

After reviewing these matters, it appears all Use of Force incidents are being reported, reviewed and documented correctly with no patterns of misuse or excessive force that would require re-training.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rekas', written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Captain Kyle Rekas  
Office of Professional Standards